

CENTRAL BOARD MINUTES
January 11, 1951

A special meeting was called to order by Bob Anderson and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

As a representative of Debate and Oratory, Jim Lucas addressed Central Board to ask them for \$400. to be applied to the Red River Tournament in Moorehead, Minnesota and to the Rocky Mountain Tournament at Denver Colorado. He stated that Debate and Oratory does not have sufficient funds at the present time to attend these tournaments because of the reduction in their appropriation last Spring and because of the reduction in student enrollment. He said that the Debate squad would have practically no chance of retaining its championship in the Northwest regional competition without the experience of debating in the two major tournaments and that without more funds, they must reduce their participation to a state-wide level. Lucas also mentioned some of the various results of the debaters' work which included the following facts:

- 1) They were witnessed by some 12,000 people last year.
- 2) They had promoted debate and oratory work in the high schools throughout Montana.
- 3) They had won national and local distinction for Montana State University.

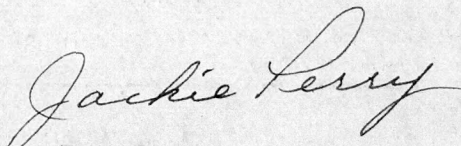
Murphy then stated that it was necessary for all campus organizations to live within their budgets even though most of them needed more money than they were receiving. He also maintained that the debaters' problem did not constitute an emergency, and said that the drop in enrollment cut their budget by only \$150, not \$400.

Bob Anderson said also that he feared that granting the debaters' request would establish a dangerous precedent and suggested that they adopt a more modest program which would fit their present budget.

Lucas, in reply to Bill Anderson's question, said that they had approached the University for funds and that they have not, to date, been able to secure such funds from them. Considerable discussion followed.

Wohlgenant moved that Central Board take \$400. from the General Reserve Fund to be given to Debate and Oratory for the purpose of attending as many tournaments as possible under their budget as augmented by the \$400. The motion carried with Murphy and McKown dissenting.

The meeting was then adjourned.


Secretary

Present:

Anderson (Bob), Murphy, Kind, Perry, Wohlgenant, McKown, Clark, Wunderlich, Briggs, Anderson (Bill), Graff, Lucas, Payne, Jellison, Dahood, Irwin, Spielman, Ambros